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EPA Announces Dates and Locations of First and Second Passaic River Cleanup Plan Public Meetings

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(New York, N.Y. – April 25, 2014) On April 11, 2014, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced a proposed cleanup to remove 4.3 million cubic yards of highly contaminated sediment from the lower eight miles of the Passaic River in New Jersey. The sediment in the Passaic River is severely contaminated with dioxin, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), heavy metals, pesticides and other contaminants from more than a century of industrial activity. The lower eight miles of the Passaic is the most heavily contaminated section of the river. Ninety percent of the volume of contaminated sediments in the lower Passaic are in the lower eight miles of the river. The EPA is proposing bank-to-bank dredging – one of the largest volumes ever to be dredged under the EPA's Superfund program – followed by capping of the river bottom. The EPA will accept public comments on its proposed plan until June 20.

The EPA will hold three public meetings to explain the proposal.

- * May 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Portuguese Sports Club
55 Prospect Street
Newark, NJ, 07105

- * May 21, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
Franklin School auditorium
100 Davis Avenue
Kearny, NJ 07032

- * June 2014 in Belleville, New Jersey
Details to be determined

People may submit written comments by mail or email:

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The plan for the lower eight miles of the Passaic River is available at
<http://www.epa.gov/region02/passaicriver>

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